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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

JP 3-41966 A corresponds to EP 0 407 965 A1.

JP 11-19217 A corresponds to US 6,251,085 B1.

JP 2000-509641 corresponds to US 5,924,998.

JP 11-504829 A corresponds to US 6,390,992 B1.

JP 56-63365 A corresponds to US 4,345,602.

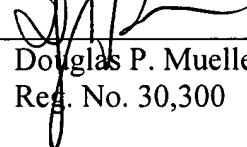
No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

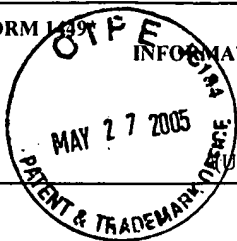
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6,251,085	Jun. 26, 2001	Tezuka			
	5,924,998	Jul. 20, 1999	Cornelius et al.			
	4,345,602	Aug. 24, 1982	Yoshimura et al.			
	6,390,992	May 21, 2002	Morris et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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						YES	NO
	3-41966	1991.2.22	JP			See IDS	
	0 407 965 A1	16.01.91	EP				
	11-19217	1999.1.26	JP			See IDS	
	11-178930	1999.7.6	JP			Abstract	
	2000-509641	2000.8.2	JP			See IDS	
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	2000-271132	2000.10.3	JP			Abstract	
	56-63365	1981.5.29	JP			See IDS	
	2001-238962	2001.9.4	JP			Abstract	
	11-504829	1999.5.11	JP			See IDS	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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